

MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**2011
Year End Report**



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Our Vision

The Monroe Police Department strives to be an organization of value-oriented people reflective of our diversity, dedicated to serving the community with integrity, honor, and fairness that all may know justice, equality, and freedom under the law.

Our Values

Employees of the Monroe Police Department are committed to the principles of duty, integrity, compassion, and professional growth.

We recognize the value of the tenets of:

Professionalism

Respect

Integrity

Dedication

Excellence

These values have been established through a collaborative effort among all personnel of this agency and are applied within the Monroe Police Department Mission Statement:

Our Mission

The Monroe Police Department is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in providing professional law enforcement services.

I am pleased to present our 2011 Year End Report to you. This report highlights significant events that occurred each month and demonstrates our accomplishments and commitment to providing the highest quality police services possible to the community of Monroe. It is a great privilege to serve as Chief of a department that continually strives for professional excellence.



In 2011, we were able to hire two commissioned officers who are highly qualified and will be a great addition to this department. We also added a new chaplain, Dennis Stoycoff, to our volunteer chaplaincy program which now consists of eight chaplains who are ready 24/7 to meet the needs of the citizens of Monroe.

A homicide in January at the Washington State Reformatory took a tremendous toll on our personnel. Over 130 witness interviews were conducted and transcribed by our staff. We benefited greatly from the assistance of both the Everett Police Department and Snohomish County Sheriff's Office who provided investigators to assist with this case. Everyone's hard work, particularly the members of our Investigations Unit, resulted in the arrest of Inmate Byron Scherf for the murder of Correctional Officer Jayme Biendl.

Through a challenging and demanding year, Monroe Police Department employees responded to challenges exceeding my expectations in so many ways. We have proven our ability to remain focused and diligent through major events and determined to create a better quality of life overall for the citizens of Monroe.

It is a high honor for me to serve as Chief of such a hard working department.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Negeen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.





1.29.11

Correctional Officer Jayme Biendl was found strangled in the Monroe Correctional Facility's chapel. The suspect, an inmate who was serving a life sentence, was discovered missing during a routine headcount shortly after 9:00 pm. He was located three minutes later in the prison chapel's lobby and informed the officers that he had planned to escape. About an hour later, it was discovered that Officer Biendl had not checked in her assigned equipment after her shift. Officers were dispatched to Officer Jayme Biendl's assigned duty post and found her unresponsive and CPR was initiated. She was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics a short time later.

Both Sergeant Cindy Chessie and Detective Barry Hatch received the 2011 Chief's Award in recognition of their excellent work during the initial portion of this murder investigation as well as for their perseverance and attention to detail throughout the following months in preparation for trial.

FEBRUARY

2.16.11

Monroe police officers responded to the report of an assault by an inmate to a counselor in the Special Offenders Unit (SOU), Washington State Reformatory, Monroe.

Officers' interviewed the suspect, a 44-year-old male who is reportedly scheduled to be released from prison some time in 2011. He admitted to the assault on the counselor, saying "I want a third strike." The counselor sustained minor injuries and was seen by a nurse on site. Assault charges were forwarded to the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office.

2.18.11

A member of the Sky Valley Enforcement Team (SVET) conducted a traffic stop on an individual who was driving with their license suspended. During the traffic stop they located packaged heroin and \$904 cash. This traffic stop led to two separate search warrants by the SVET Team and Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) where they recovered eight stolen guns, and seized heroin, drug paraphernalia, \$1,022 cash, as well as a 30-plant marijuana grow.





3.1.11

The Monroe PD hired Officer Reed Jones, as a lateral officer from King County. He grew up in West Texas and later moved to Washington where he attended the University of Washington receiving a bachelor's degree in business finance. Officer Jones had been a deputy with the King County Sheriff's Office since April of 2009 and was laid off at the end of 2010. The department was very fortunate to be able to hire Officer Jones through the lateral testing process to fill a vacant, budgeted police officer position.

3.9.11

The Monroe Police Department's Sky Valley Enforcement Team (SVET) and Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) executed a third and final search warrant in an ongoing investigation into the theft and trading of firearms for heroin in Monroe. On February 22nd, the SVET Team learned of several firearms that had been stolen from a residence in the 22900 block of 105th St SE, Monroe. The following search warrants involved the recovery of stolen guns, ammunition, heroin, marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, prescription drugs, miscellaneous drug paraphernalia and cash and resulted in the arrests of four individuals.



APRIL

4.10.11-4.14.11

The members of the Special Emergency Response Team attended “Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing” training in New Mexico. This training was sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and provided information on how to respond to pre-detonation and post-detonation incidents as well as being able to identify commercial, military, and improvised explosive devices.



4.23.11

The 15th Annual Monroe Community Egg Hunt was held at Lake Tye Park. This event included free activities such as face painting, bouncy houses, fun games, arts and crafts, and a picture with the Easter Bunny.





5.6.11

Officer Sahlstrom retired from the Monroe Police Department after 20 years of service. He brought qualities of perseverance, passion, and dedication to the job, which was shown through his consistently high work performance as well as the various awards and accolades he received throughout his career. He made Monroe a better place by keeping top quality law enforcement service as his consistent goal and is greatly missed.



JUNE

6.8.11

Officer Javier Patton began his career with our department in December 2007 after serving with the King County Sheriff's Office. In September of 2010, he resigned his position in lieu of lay off to accept another law enforcement position. When a retirement occurred in the department in May, Officer Patton requested to be reinstated. Officer Patton is known for his high work ethic values and his Spanish skills that he uses with the community and to assist his peers. He has consistently proved himself to be a valuable asset to the department and has been recognized with multiple awards to include a life saving award in 2010. We were very fortunate and privileged to be able to bring Officer Patton back.



6.24.11

Sergeant Brian Johnston was selected to carry the torch at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Greece. He was picked to represent all officers from Washington state and be part of a 145 member international team of torch-bearers. They began in Athens, broke off into smaller teams and then reunited in the Greek capital before the opening ceremonies.

7.25.11-7.29.11

In July 2011, Officer Scott Kornish attended SRO Basic Training in preparation for taking over the position of School Resource Officer at Monroe High School in September 2011. He is also a member of the Personal Safety Training Team (PST). The PST works with eighth graders of each middle school in Monroe to teach the students ways in keeping themselves safe in our ever-changing environment.

**8.2.11**

The Monroe Rotary and Monroe Police Department co-sponsored the “28th Annual National Night Out” event. This is an annual event designed to heighten awareness of crime prevention and anti-drug use, generate support for local anticrime efforts, and strengthen police-community partnerships. There was a record attendance of over 3,000 people at the event.



AUGUST cont.



8.21.11

The Monroe Police Department participated in the “Spin a Thon” campaign benefiting Washington Special Olympics in partnership with Thrive Community Fitness. In support, the Seattle Metropolitan Police Museum displayed three restored police vehicles for the public to view - an original 1970 Plymouth Satellite used by the Seattle Police Department, a 1967 Plymouth Fury I that was used by the King County Sheriff’s Office and a 1978 Plymouth Fury used by the Washington State Patrol. The Monroe Police Department worked hard to campaign for Special Olympics raising \$11,218.04 in 2011.

8.30.11

An arrest was made in the Monroe Union Bank robbery that occurred on August 29th where a male had come into the bank and passed a note at the teller window demanding money. The suspect implied that he had a gun but it was not seen. The teller provided an unspecified amount of cash to the suspect.

Detectives from Arlington, Monroe and Snohomish apprehended the suspect who was believed to be responsible for similar bank robberies that occurred in June, July and August of this year. This was a team effort as detectives from the three cities as well as the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office met to compare notes and discuss strategy.





9.12.11

This annual event is sponsored by the Monroe Police Department and Monroe School District. Walk Your Kids to School Day is designed to help student walkers band together, join up with police personnel and continue their walk to school. This event promotes pedestrian awareness and is an educational opportunity for parents and community members to visit the safe walking routes with their children.



OCTOBER



10.6.11

Michael Benjamin was found guilty of second-degree murder in the case of the August 2010 killing of Angela Pettifer. In November, he was sentenced to 18 years and four months in prison, the maximum allowed by law.

NOVEMBER

11.16.11

An arrest was made in the theft of a large bell that was stolen from St. Mary of the Valley Catholic Church. Detectives developed information with the assistance of the King County Sheriff's Office, which led them to a recycling business in Woodinville. On November 15th, Detective Robinson took Father Bloom and Sister Barbara Geib to the recycling center where they identified the remnants of the church bell. The bell had been sawed into smaller pieces and the raised lettering had been visibly grounded down to disguise its origin. Detectives contacted the suspect who brought in the bell. She stated that her business accepted scrap metal from people to take to recycling businesses and she kept 10% of the profits. She said she didn't know the people who brought her the bell and did not realize it had been stolen. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into Snohomish County Jail.



NOVEMBER cont.



11.17.11

Safe Kids Snohomish County presented Monica Sandoval with the “Child Passenger Safety Member of the Year 2011” award for her efforts in coordinating and organizing a successful car seat check event for the local community at St. Mary’s church in September 2011.

11.20.11

The Sky Valley Enforcement Team of the Monroe Police Department and Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office served a search warrant on a suspected cockfighting operation at a residence in the 44700 block of Pine Road in Gold Bar. Assisting agencies included the South Snohomish County SWAT Team, Lynnwood Police Department, The Humane Society of the United States, WA State Gambling Commission, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), King County Animal Control; and Child Protective Services (CPS). Seventeen males were



taken into custody at the residence as participants or spectators in this illegal activity. Fifty roosters were located in the garage and vehicles on the property.

DECEMBER



12.5.11-12.6.11

The Sky Valley Enforcement Team served search warrants on three storage units and a motel room. As a result of these warrants the SVET Team seized a large amount of construction site stolen property and arrested a 41 year-old male from Duvall.

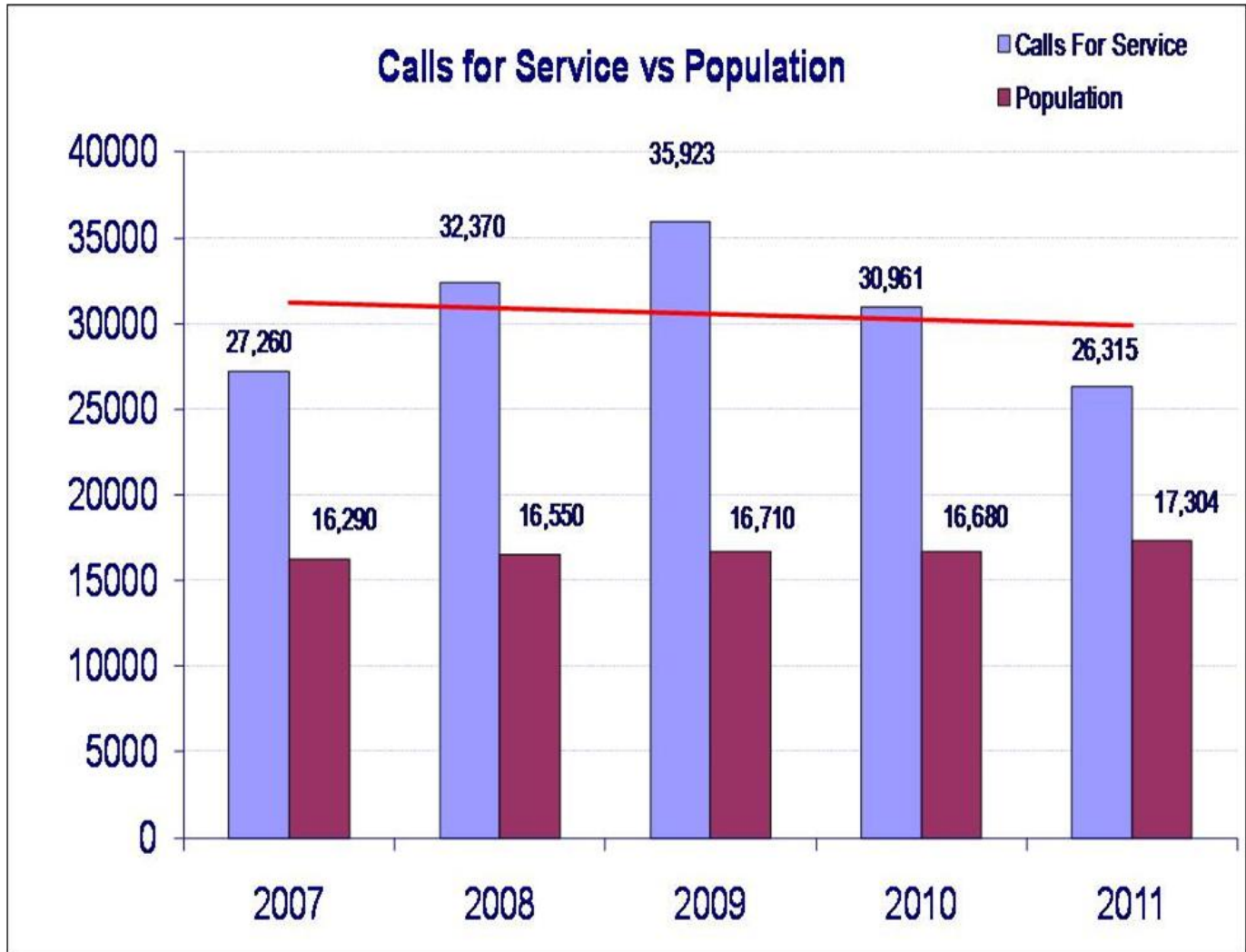


12.13.11

The Monroe Police Department distributed 600 coffee sleeves to local coffee stands with messages to remind motorists of the dangers of drinking and driving this holiday season. This is Snohomish County's DUI & Target Zero Task Force countywide campaign to partner with local law enforcement agencies to get their message out. This awareness campaign was made possible through a \$1,000 traffic-safety grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission. Their "Choose Your Ride" logo, which is a picture of a vehicle that is half police car and half taxi, is a stark reminder to not drink and drive with an emphasis on the letters D, I, E to help bring the message home. This coincided with the statewide DUI Emphasis Patrol called 'Night of 1000 Stars' where 1,000 law enforcement "badges" looked for impaired drivers throughout Washington state.



DEPARTMENT STATISTICS



Calls for service reflect both calls that officers are dispatched to as well as calls that they self-initiate during the course of their duties. In 2010 and 2011 the number of calls for service decreased due to having less officers to proactively enforce laws.

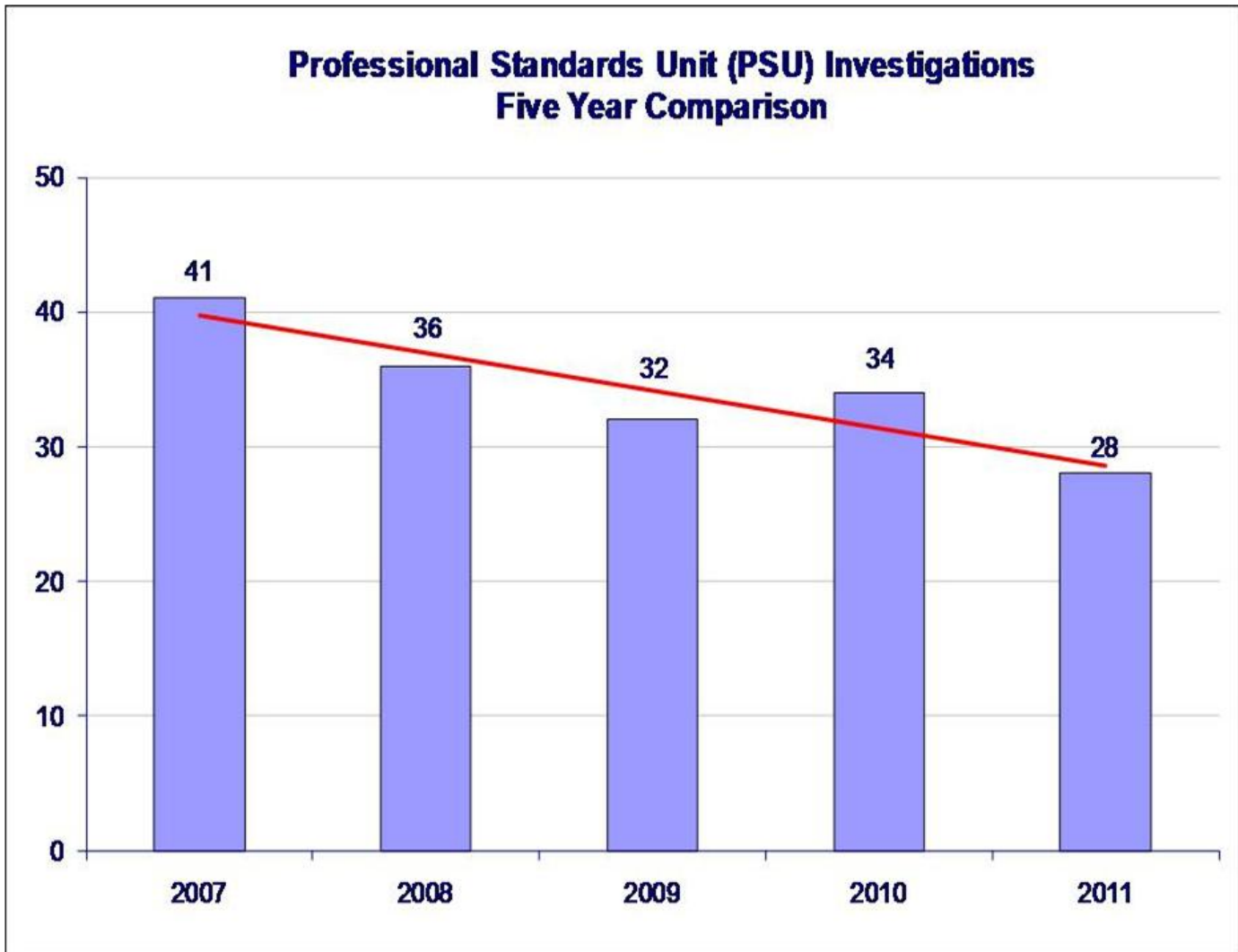


National Incident Based Reporting

The Monroe Police Department collects crime statistics using a system called the National Incident-Based Reporting System or NIBRS. Since 1930, the FBI has administered the Uniform Crime Reporting Program using statistics supplied by the various states.

NIBRS Offenses	2010	2011	Percent Change
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	1	0.00%
Forcible Sex Offenses	8	15	87.50%
Robbery	5	5	0.00%
Aggravated Assault	35	21	-40.00%
Simple Assault	113	130	15.04%
Intimidation	7	3	-57.14%
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	1	5	400.00%
Kidnapping	1	3	200.00%
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	79	80	1.27%
Arson	1	2	100.00%
Larceny	388	379	-2.32%
Motor Vehicle Theft	74	58	-21.62%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0.00%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	22	16	-27.27%
Fraud	50	36	-28.00%
Embezzlement	0	0	0.00%
Stolen Property Offenses	22	10	-54.55%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	175	151	-13.71%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	241	184	-23.65%
Pornography/Obscene Material	2	0	-100.00%
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0.00%
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0.00%
Bribery	0	0	0.00%
Weapon Law Violations	22	20	-9.09%
Totals	1247	1119	-10.26%

Professional Standards Unit

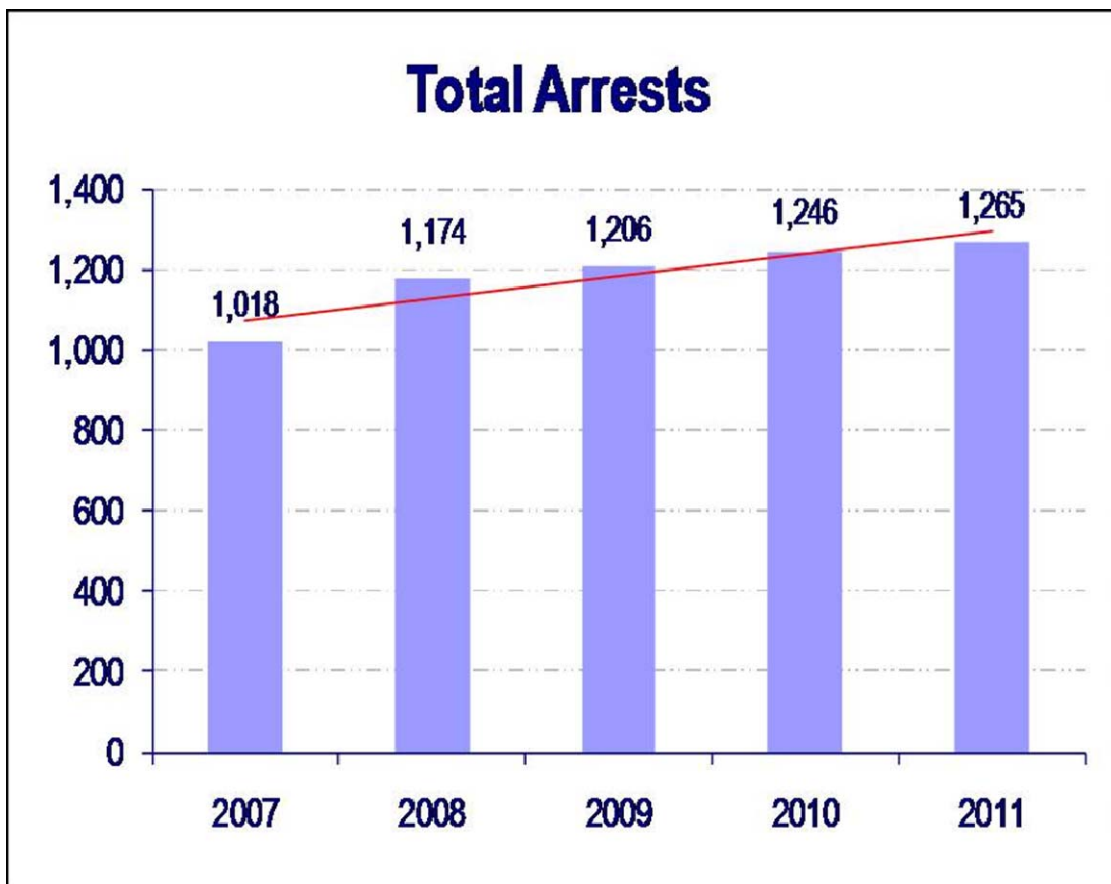


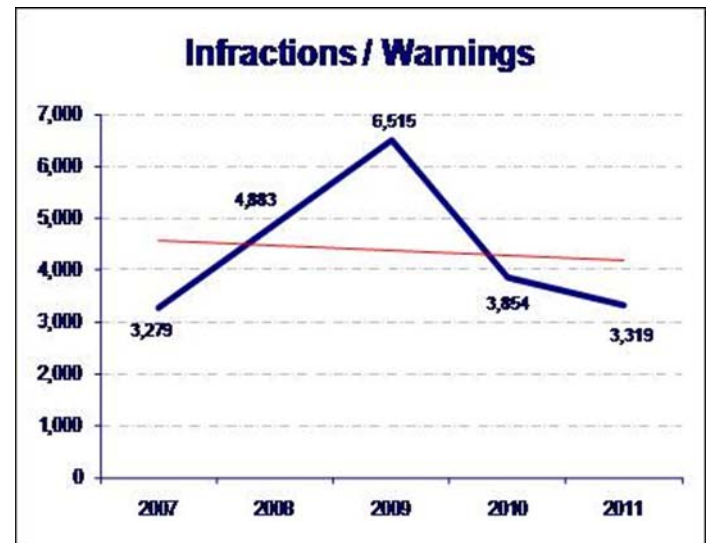
The Professional Standards Unit (PSU) oversees the formal process of handling complaints. This process is used for internal and external complaints. After the initial complaint is received it is investigated and based on the findings of the preliminary investigation a recommendation is made to either close the complaint as unfounded, handle it at the supervisory level or send it forward for a full investigation.

In 2011, our Professional Standards Unit fielded a total of 28 investigations.

Top Ten Arrest Types

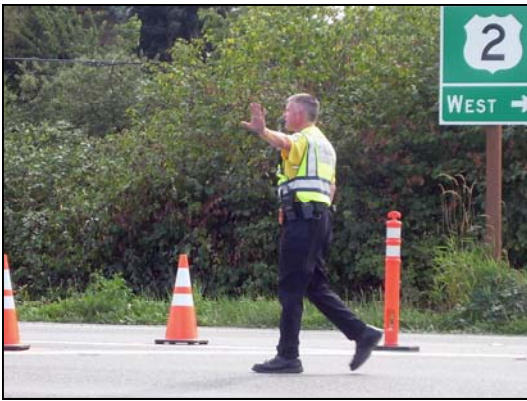
OFFENSE	ARRESTS
Warrant	263
Assault	126
Theft	117
DUI	102
Possession of Controlled Substance	86
Driving While License Suspended	63
Violation of Controlled Substance	50
Burglary	36
All Other Offenses	34
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	32





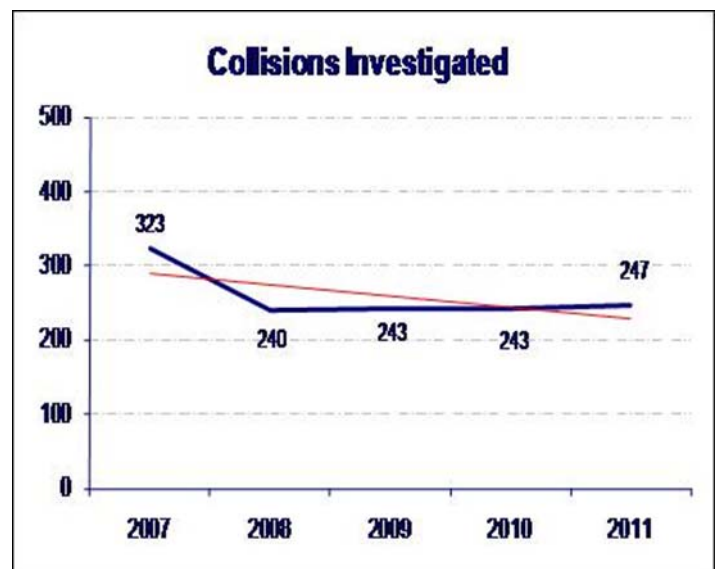
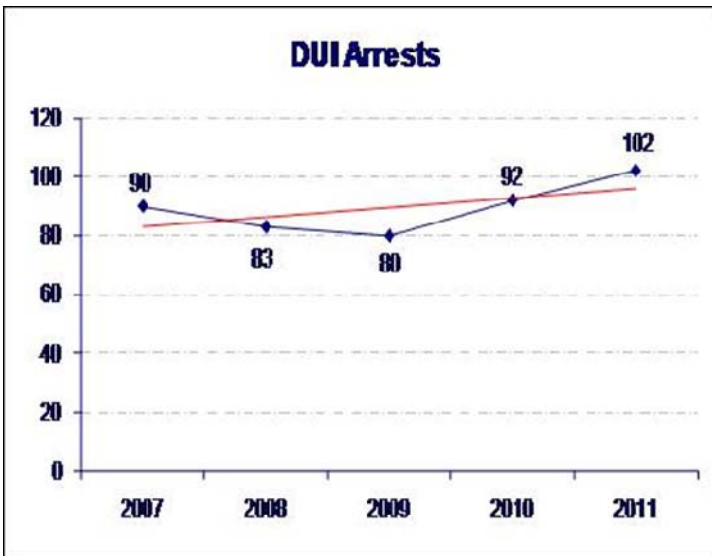
Top Ten Traffic Citations/Infractions/Warnings

VIOLATION	NUMBER OF DRIVERS CONTACTED
Speeding 06-10 MPH over the posted limit	596
Operating motor vehicle without insurance	484
Failure to stop at traffic signal	300
Overtime parking	239
Speeding 11-15 MPH over the posted limit	218
Driving without a valid driver's license	202
Unauthorized parking in a handicap stall	189
Wrong direction/parking	129
Use of cell phone while driving	106
Failure to wear seatbelt	96
Total	2559



Traffic Violations Bureau

Total Tickets Processed	2,346
Total Tickets Paid	761
Total Savings of Court Filings	\$27,311.00
Revenue - TVB	\$33,748.00



The Monroe Police Department is an accredited law enforcement agency and meets the high standards of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) Accreditation Commission.



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